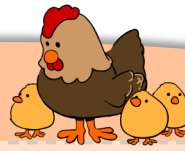




November & December 2023



# EXTENSION CONNECTION

Purdue University—Huntington County



Please help welcome Kassy Willcox to our staff!

Kassy is a Huntington native. Married to Adam with 2 children, Marley & Max.



Kassy enjoys spending time with her family, helping out with her children's girl scout, boy scout troop, & 4-H clubs, reading & watching her kids volleyball games & golf matches.

Kassy is excited to have the opportunity to serve Huntington County in her new role as the Program Assistant with the Extension Office.

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## The Extension Office will be closed the following days for the Holidays:



**November 7, Election Day**



**November 10, Veterans Day**



**November 23 & 24, Thanksgiving**



**December 25 - 29, Christmas**



**January 1, 2024, New Years**



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Last date for submission of information for the January & February 2024 newsletter is December 18, 2023

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## 2023 4-H Enrollment is open from October 1, 2023 - January 15, 2024

Any new 4-H member needs to enroll and current members need to reenroll for 2023! Members need to reenroll every year. The website is located at: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). For 4-H members in regular 4-H, there is a \$15 State Program Fee. The program fees cover annual accident/medical insurance for 4-H members and volunteers and provide quality programming materials. Families with more than three kids participating in the 4-H program will only have to pay a maximum of \$45. When paying online with the 4HOnline system, each youth enrolled in the 4-H Program will require separate transactions. **PLEASE check your years in 4-H when enrolling.** The office is not able to edit your years in 4-H.

If you were in 2nd grade and in Mini 4-H last year, WELCOME to the traditional club program! We are so glad to have you as a member. You will already have a 4-H record in 4honline. Be sure to check before creating a new one!!! Please also note that your participation years in 4-H will go back to ONE (1). We start over counting your years in the traditional club program beginning with 3rd grade. Your Mini 4-H records will remain in the system but your years in 4-H will NOT include Mini 4-H. When enrolling, the number of years in 4-H may not be accurate. Please remember that youth are not considered “enrolled” in the 4-H Program until their program fees have been paid.

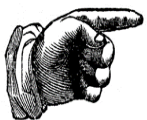
**Enrollment and fees are due by JANUARY 15th!**

**As you begin working on your 4-H projects for 2024—please consider the following...**

Youth that qualify Static (non-livestock) projects to move on to the Indiana State Fair (ISF) please be aware of the following:

- ◇ It is optional to exhibit at the ISF. If you do not want your project to exhibit there – let the office know. You are NOT required to send your project.
- ◇ Transportation to the ISF is provided by volunteers and office staff. Purdue Extension nor the Huntington County Fair Association are NOT required to transport the projects. We do this to assist our 4-H members and their families.
- ◇ There are size limitations, weight limitations and if a project requires set up – we have the option to not transport. Those limitations vary based on the equipment available to transport and the number of helpers we have available. We will notify you prior to check-out of the projects we cannot transport.
- ◇ If we transport we make every effort to make sure the project is handled carefully. If you have concerns – we suggest you provide transportation for the project.
- ◇ The ISF does NOT take any responsibility for your project while it is being set up, on display, or being taken down. If your project is damaged or stolen from the ISF, the ISF is not responsible. If there are items of monetary or historical/personal value, it is suggested you do not exhibit those items at the ISF. If you have concerns about the safety of your project, it is suggested you do not exhibit.

Please Notice This



**Enroll Early**.....By enrolling by the January 15th deadline you won't miss important information such as club meetings. Other information for special clubs is distributed early February. Shooting Sports, Tractor, Dog, and Horse and Pony.



# Important changes and updates

4-H Youth Development

The following projects have changed exhibit requirements or have been clarified by the State 4-H Office and our local 4-H program.

Aerospace, Alfalfa, Aquatic Science, Communications, Corn, Electric, Foods (Recipe Card), Garden, Genealogy, Photography, Recycling, Sports & Performing Arts, Woodworking.



Watch for changes in the 2024 rule book and with your project materials.

**The 2024 rule book will be available online in December and in hard copy early January.**

**There are deadlines with 4-H...There are consequences when we don't follow them.**

\_\_\_ Drop and Add projects—May 15. This is a firm deadline. Make sure you have enrolled in 4honline for all the projects you plan to complete and exhibit by May 15. Printouts for club leaders will be available May 16. Any changes made in 4honline after May 15 will not be recorded.

\_\_\_ Sign up for what you plan to EXHIBIT at the 4-H Fair in FairEntry June 1 - June 30. Entry will close on June 30. This is a firm deadline. **FairEntry will CLOSE June 30.** Changes can be made after June 30. Families can change animals between children, or change animals (if in 4honline by May 15). ALL animals MUST be entered by May 15 (excludes cat, dog and poultry). This is a state deadline and it is to be enforced.

**If you have not entered your project(s) in FairEntry by the June 30 deadline you will receive no higher than a “Blue (A) Award” for non-entered projects and animals.**

## 4-H Communication

Most of our communication is through email and our 4-H Facebook page. We try and keep everyone Up-to-date on what is happening with 4-H.

Watch your email.

Follow us on Facebook.

**Let's work together as we “Learn by Doing”!  
Let's move forward as we “Make the Best Better”!**



## State 4-H Scholarships



4-H members awarded a 4-H Foundation scholarship as a senior in 2023 will be notified in December the procedure for requesting their check.

The 2024 4-H Scholarship applications are available on the 4-H web site. Applications must be submitted through 4HOnline by **January 25, 2024.**

Scholarship application forms and information are available at: [extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html](http://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html)

**\*\*There are scholarships available to Huntington County 4-H members! Be sure to apply!!!**

**If you need assistance getting them into 4honline -**

**PLEASE CONTACT US!!!**



- **2024 4-H Leader Committee Sign-ups**— A committee sign-up sheet is available at the Extension Office for all 4-H leaders. Committees are a vital part of our organization to help with various activities throughout the year.
- **Club Meeting Dates** - Please provide the Extension Office with meeting locations, dates, and times. This helps our office provide information to new members and advertise your 4-H Club meetings through a variety of media.
- **Volunteers Needed** - If you know of individuals interested in volunteering with the county 4-H program, they need to **complete** a 4-H Volunteer Application Form, and go through a screening process. Applications are available at the Extension Office.

**Leader News**



- ◆ November 9, Mtg, 7 - 8 pm, Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Bldg
- ◆ November 17, Deadline to turn in Thanksgiving baskets
- ◆ December 3, Christmas shopping at Wal-Mart, 1 - 3 pm
- ◆ December 9, Santa at the Fairgrounds, 10 - 12 pm, First Federal Community Bldg
- ◆ December 14, Jr. Leader Christmas party, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall 6– 8 pm

**Jr. Leader News**

**Congratulations** to the newly elected 4-H Fair Board Officers and board members . . .



- President - Todd Landrum
- Vice-President - Kathy Stephan
- Secretary– Amy DeLong
- Treasurer - Tyler Park

**Fair Board News**

Additional Board Members include:

- Alan Amick, Cory Ayers, Trevor Brewer, Mark Brown, Mason Brown, Lane Burnau, Tim Burnau, Michael Chenoweth, Kevin Eppard, Kyle Felton, Aaron Goodnight, Paul Jacobs, Kyle Kuehnert, Andrew Laymon, Scott Pursifull, Brett Stephan, Amanda Stroup, Rosie Wall, Lane Whitted and Gary Will

4-H Fair Board Meeting Dates:

The Fair Board meets at 7pm; scheduled meetings in 2023-2024 @ Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Building:

November 21	March 19	June 18
December 19	April 16	July 16
January 16	May 21	August 20 (fair evaluation)
February 20	June 18	September 17

*Many thanks to outgoing board members Nick Gressley and Shane Eltzroth*

**Join us on Saturday, December 9th for 2 amazing holiday events**

**Santa at the Fairgrounds** . . .10 - 12, First Federal Community Building  
Pictures with Santa, live nativity, mini golf, crafts & cookies.

**Holiday Marketplace**....10 am - 2 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall  
Do some holiday shopping with several area vendors. Crafts, honey products, Tupperware, and much more. Deadline to sign up as a vendor is November 15th!







**Request for 4-H materials prior to your first club meeting**

Members may request their 4-H materials after they have enrolled in 4honline and paid their State Program Fee of \$15. Simply contact the Extension Office and request your 4-H materials. We know there are families that like to get started on projects over the holidays. We will make every effort to make sure that you have the information needed to do so. You can call the office at 260-358-4826 to make your request.



**Participation in Club meetings is encouraged**

Again, you will get out of the program what you put in and one of the things we encourage you to “put in” is participation in your 4-H Club. You will stay better informed of opportunities, deadlines, and program changes if you attend your club meetings.

You will also have the opportunity to learn more skills by participating. Leadership, team work, socialization, community service, are just a few of the skills that can be practiced and developed by attending and being a part of your club. You also have the opportunity to develop your presentation and communication skills in club meetings. We also hope the older members will mentor to the younger members—sharing the skills and knowledge they have gained during their years in 4-H.

**A Note to Mini 4-H**

Mini 4-H manuals - you must come to the Extension Office to pick up your manual. Or, you can request to have them emailed by contacting Liz at ebrundig@purdue.edu. There is no fee to join Mini 4-H. There will be a \$1.00 fee if you misplace your manual and need a new one.

New this year is Mini 4-H Horse & Pony. You may sign up for and exhibit up to 2 livestock and 2 non-livestock projects.

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**Congratulations to MaKayla Fulton on her winning Theme & Design for 2023.** MaKayla wins a \$40.00 gift card to Shop 4-H and her 4-H Club, Wayne Township Future Farmers is awarded \$40.00 towards a pizza party. Second place was a combined effort entry from the Future Leaders 4-H.

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Important Dates for the Huntington County Extension & 4-H Programs	
<b>November</b>	
4	4-H Jr. Leaders Baked Steak Dinner 5 - 7 pm, Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall
7	County Offices closed for General Election Day
9	4-H Jr. Leaders, 7 pm. Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Bldg
10	County Offices closed in observance of Veteran’s Day
21	4-H Fair Board, 7 pm, Parkview Huntington Hospital Family Living Bldg
23-24	County Offices closed—Thanksgiving Holiday
<b>December</b>	
25-29	Extension Office Closed – Christmas Holiday
<b>January</b>	
1	Extension Office Closed - New Years Day
<b>July 19 - 26, 2024 – Huntington County 4-H Fair Events at the Fairgrounds</b> <b>August 2 - August 18, 2024– Indiana State Fair</b>	



## Upcoming Events

### 2024 Purdue Master Gardener Basic Training

If you want to sharpen your gardening skills and you have an interest in sharing your knowledge with others, Purdue University has the ideal program for you. Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, and culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, and fruit plants.

If you'd like an application to join our league of volunteers or have questions about the program, contact Ed Farris, Agriculture and Natural Resource Educator, at 260-358-4826 or by e-mail at [emfarris@purdue.edu](mailto:emfarris@purdue.edu).

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Basic Training for Huntington, Miami, and Wabash Counties in 2024 will be on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., March 7 through May 30. The location of the sessions will alternate between counties. The deadline for submitting applications is February 7. Note that class size may be limited depending on the number of applications that are received. Materials and expenses for the series of classes cost \$175 per participant.

### Purdue Extension Offers the “Know Your Numbers, Know Your Options” Program to Assist Women

Know Your Numbers, Know Your Options is a four-week course offered virtually November 28, December 5, 12, and 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST.

This is a discussion-based workshop to connect women and subject-matter experts in the areas of financial records and interpreting results. Participants should plan on attending each of the four workshop dates. The course requires participants to have an internet connection. Women will find many opportunities for questions, sharing, and connecting with the presenters and other participants. Upon completion of this program, participants will have a better understanding of how financial records can be used to make decisions.

Session highlights are as follows:

- Week 1 - Balance sheet construction and interpretation
- Week 2 – Cash flow and income statement fundamentals
- Week 3 – Ratios, lease evaluations and negotiations
- Week 4 - Know Your Numbers, Know Your Options

Registration is \$20 per participant and class size is limited to 20. Register by November 22 at the following website: <https://cvent.me/WPkAML>.

Class material is based upon work supported by USDA/NIFA under Award Number 2020-70028-32728 (cooperating with University of Nebraska Extension).

For more information, or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact Ed Farris at 260-358-4826 or by e-mail at [emfarris@purdue.edu](mailto:emfarris@purdue.edu).



*Happy  
Holidays*

*Happy  
New Year*

*Carla's Corner...*

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful colors of Fall. It is hard to believe that Halloween is next week. We are at the tip of the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming fast!

The Huntington Extension Homemakers have a few things planned to finish off 2023. We are collecting items to send to Riley Hospital. These items will be given to patients or family members as they sit with their loved ones. It is hard for younger brothers and sisters to sit quietly for very long. Items that we are collecting include, but not limited to, are: Playdough, Matchbox or die cast cars, crayons and coloring books, 10 inch or smaller baby dolls, action figures 9 inches or smaller, children's card games or playing cards for mom or dad. These items may be dropped off at the Extension Office or given to an Extension Homemaker member. The collection will end on Friday, December 6, 2023.

We are planning our Cookie and Candy Sale for December 2, 2023. We ask that all club members to please donate five dozen cookies or three pounds of candy for our sale. We will be setting up on Friday, December 1, 2023.

Please read the attached flyers regarding the Cookie & Candy Sale and the collection for Riley Children's Hospital and share them with your club members, friends and family.

Wishing everyone a safe and joyous time with family and friends this Holiday Season.

Carla

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*Gather  
With  
Grateful  
Hearts*





## *Homemakers Holiday Cookie, Candy and Craft Sale*



The H.C. Extension Homemakers are sponsoring their 20th annual Holiday Cookie, Candy and Craft sale on Saturday, December 2 at the Evangelical United Methodist Church located at 1000 Flaxmill Road. The sale will begin at 9:00 AM and close at noon. In addition to the candy and cookies, some of our Extension Homemaker clubs will be offering crafted items that will make wonderful Christmas gifts.

Pre-made cookies trays are available again for sale. Only by pre-ordering, you will be able to purchase a "Tray of Cookies." Each tray will include an assortment of three dozen cookies for \$15.00. These must be pre-ordered by November 30 by calling Stephanie Jerabek at 260-344-0012. The trays will be available for pick up only during sale hours on Saturday. The sale will work the same as in years past. You will be given a Styrofoam Container and allowed to choose the cookies you wish to purchase. Prices this year will be: Cookies/\$4.00 per dozen and Candy/\$4.50 per 1/2 pound.

We are asking all club members to participate in this fund-raising project. Each club member is asked to bring 4 to 5 dozen cookies and/or candy for this sale. We ask that cookies be homemade and of the festive/holiday varieties. For those who are unable to bake, we are asking for a donation of \$15 (the equivalent to what you would have baked.)

Cookies and candies should be brought to EUM Church between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Friday Dec. 1. Trays will be put together at 5:00 pm. Clubs are invited to request a table for selling crafts. Sales for crafts will be handled by each club's members. Set-up for crafts will take place at this time, as well. Craft set up will begin at 2:00 pm.

Huntington County Extension Homemakers is a not-for-profit group whose purpose is to promote education, leadership development and community service in an effort to nurture families and homes in our community and across the state.

### *Education Committee News*

The Education Committee would like to thank all the members who attended the Fall County Lessons. Mary Ann Ripperger presented a lesson on "Car Maintenance". Now we know what to do in getting our cars ready for winter. Caroline Everidge gave the second lesson on "Edible Seeds". We now know what some of the healthy seeds are and how to prepare them.

Mark your calendars for May 15th for the Spring County Lessons. Carol Holmes and Pam Fausz will present a lesson on making "Charcuterie Boards". They will show us how to make a pretty board of meat, cheeses, crackers, etc. for our next party. The second lesson will be on "Edible Flowers" presented by Caroline Everidge. She will make a lavender lemonade for us to taste with our meat and cheeses. Should be a fun lesson night. More details later on the price, time, etc.







HUNTINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS

20th ANNUAL HOLIDAY COOKIE & CANDY SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

EVANGELICAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1000 FLAXMILL ROAD HUNTINGTON, IN 46750

FROM 9:00 AM—NOON (OR WHEN SOLD OUT)

COOKIES—\$4.00 PER DOZEN

CANDY—\$4.50 PER ONE HALF POUND

Pre-ordering available for cookie trays. Trays include three dozen assorted cookies for \$15.00. Must be ordered by November 30th & picked up during sale hours only.

Call Stephanie Jerabek, 260-344-0012, to place your order.

Assorted hand-crafted items will be offered to help complete your Christmas shopping!





Supporting Riley Children’s Hospital for Christmas

Huntington County Extension Homemakers are collecting a variety of small items from September 26 until Friday December 1, 2023. Clubs can bring those items into the Extension Office to the collection box there or bring them to the set up for our annual cookie sale.

We are collecting the following items:

Crayons and Coloring Books



Playdoh



Matchbox/diecast cars



Baby Dolls (less than 10 inches tall)



Children’s Playing Cards—  
Old Maid, Go Fish, Crazy Eights, Uno



Action Figures (less than 9 inches tall)



Small Dolls  
(Polly Pocket, LOL Dolls, etc.)



Thank you for supporting Huntington County Extension Homemakers and Riley Children’s Hospital.